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- The taxes paid by all people in Sinkiang Province, except the authorities, are the following: land, agricultural implements, land documents, cattle, orchards, timber, pasture, eggs, salt, industry, temporary business, shops, livestock slaughter, income, bank deposits, extraordinary expenses, customs duties, and stamp. Tax proceeds are used for the following purposes: contributions to the unemployed in China, aid to wounded and aged Chinese soldiers, entertainment of troops, and government loans.<sup>1</sup>
- The following market prices obtained in Urumchi in the spring of 1953. The corresponding prices in September 1949 are provided as an index of inflation. All prices are in terms of bank notes, two of which equalled a silver dollar in September 1949.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price, 1953</u>	<u>Price, 1949</u>
Wheat flour (per kilogram)	\$ 4,800	\$ 0.18
White long cloth (per meter)	15,500	1.50
Satin (per meter)	11,900	1.20
Soap (per cake)	5,900	.40
Benzine (per kilogram)	5,000	
Mineral coal (per jing <sup>2</sup> )	225	.20
Brick tea (per brick)	53,600	5.00
Sweet oil (per ser)	16,000	.45
Rice (per kilogram) <sup>3</sup>	5,950	.30
Red match sticks (per box)	2,500	.18
Sugar cubes (per kilogram)	2,620	3.00

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- Comment. It would appear that  listed only the less obvious uses of taxes, omitting the expense of government and such items.

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2. [ ] Comment. One jing is approximately one ser.

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[ ] Comment. [ ] described a jing as the sixteenth part of a charik, weighing slightly over one pound. Available information indicates that the Turki charik (charek) weighs 8.96 kilograms.

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3. [ ] Comment. [ ], reporting prices in "Sinkiang," without specifying the locality, listed rice at five times the price of wheat, but at a price considerably lower than that given here.

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